

Amendment to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on page 1, immediately after the title "SYSTEM FOR FLUID RETENTION MANAGEMENT" and before the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION":

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED CASES**

This application is a divisional of US serial number 09/454,878, filed on December 3, 1999, now US patent 6,319,221, which is a divisional application of US serial number 09/068,059, filed on December 14, 1998, now US 6,238,366, which is the national filing of international application PCT/US96/17396, filed on October 31, 1996, which is the international PCT filing of, and claims priority to, both earlier filed US non-provisional application number 08/548,315, filed on November 1, 1995, now abandoned, and US provisional application 60/006,408, filed on November 9, 1995, now abandoned.